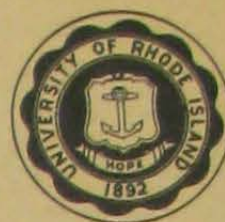


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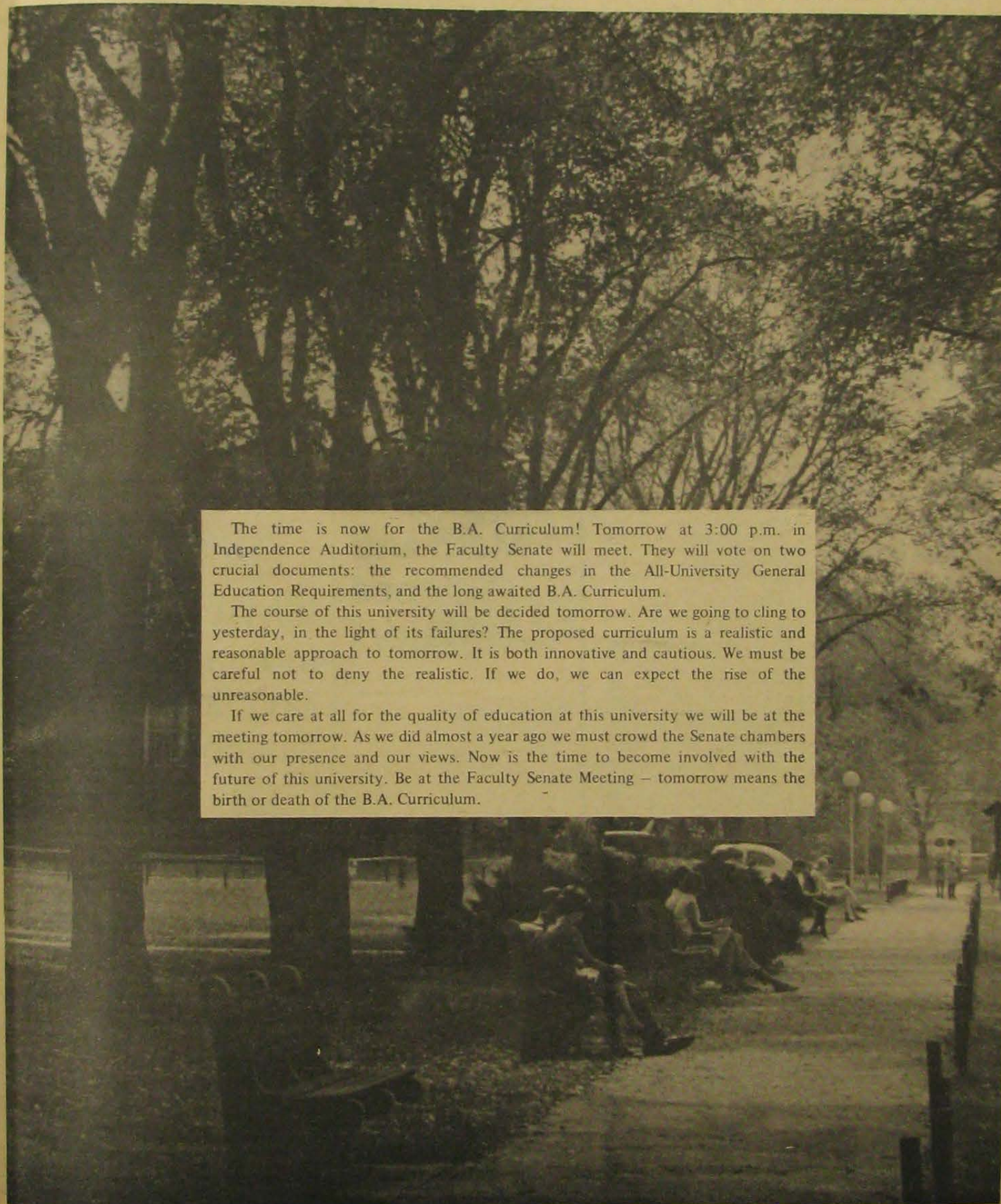
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## B. A. Curriculum Decided Tomorrow

The time is now for the B.A. Curriculum! Tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. in Independence Auditorium, the Faculty Senate will meet. They will vote on two crucial documents: the recommended changes in the All-University General Education Requirements, and the long awaited B.A. Curriculum.

The course of this university will be decided tomorrow. Are we going to cling to yesterday, in the light of its failures? The proposed curriculum is a realistic and reasonable approach to tomorrow. It is both innovative and cautious. We must be careful not to deny the realistic. If we do, we can expect the rise of the unreasonable.

If we care at all for the quality of education at this university we will be at the meeting tomorrow. As we did almost a year ago we must crowd the Senate chambers with our presence and our views. Now is the time to become involved with the future of this university. Be at the Faculty Senate Meeting — tomorrow means the birth or death of the B.A. Curriculum.



## Marat/Sade Production By Univ. Theatre

by Rosalie Targonski

"The Persecution and Assassination of Jean-Paul Marat as Performed by the Inmates of the Asylum of Charenton Under the Direction of the Marquis de Sade" is the full title of University Theatre's second production of the season. The play is being directed by Kimber Wheelock and will be presented February 26, 27, 28, and March 1, 2, and 3. The box office will be open weekdays from 12:00 until 5:00 p.m. beginning Monday. The play takes place in a lunatic asylum in the 18th century where the notorious Marquis de Sade was confined. The director of the asylum had discovered that theatrical performances staged by the inmates could be used as therapy. Therefore, the entire production is actually a play within a play.

The author of the play, Peter Weiss, used another historical incident to produce the story which the inmates would dramatize: the murder of the arch-revolutionist Jean-Paul Marat by Charlotte Corday. Marat was a fanatic of the French Revolution, and while he was sitting in his bath

drawing up a list of people to be guillotined, the young girl stabbed him to death.

The unusually long title of the original play, actually the longest title in theatrical history, was shortened to "Marat/Sade." This abbreviation is logical, since the play can be looked upon as a philosophical debate between two Frenchmen who represented diametrically opposed philosophies of revolution. The play-within-a-play supposedly takes place about fifteen years after Marat's death.

When "Marat/Sade" opened in the mid-sixties, it gave

meaning to the term "Theatre of Cruelty." Shocking audiences in New York, Paris, Berlin, London, and wherever else it was performed, the play left no one feeling indifferent.

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### 70-71 Calendar Not Approved: 71-72 Defective

The exact dates for the calendar for the 1970-71 academic year have not been finalized, contrary to the BEACON Student Senate report last week.

According to Student Senator, Roy B. Daiell, student representative on the University Calendar Committee, changes proposed in the 1970-71 calendar have yet to be approved by the Faculty Senate at their March meeting. The suggestions, which Sen. Daiell considers "almost sure to be passed" call for registration on Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 14 and 15, 1970. Classes would begin at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 16, and Tuesday classes would be made up on Saturday, Sept. 19.

Further controversy is expected over the two proposed calendars for the 1971-72 academic year. According to Sen. Daiell, the calendar prepared by the Calendar Committee is defective. It allows only two reading days and seven for final exams. The URI Manual states that there must be three days set aside for study before the exam period, and eight days for the final exam schedule.

An alternate calendar calling for registration on Aug. 28 and 29, 1971 and final exams from Dec. 16 to 24, has been presented to the committee by Student Sen. Daiell. He reported that his proposal, made in accordance with a student referendum taken this fall, has been ignored by the Calendar Committee.

Calendar proposals for the 1970-71 and 1971-72 school years will be presented to the Faculty Senate in March.

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# B. A. Curriculum Proposal Finally Will Come to Vote

Two Committee reports related to the long-controversial B.A. Curriculum proposal will finally come to a vote at the Faculty Senate meeting tomorrow at 3 p.m. in Independence Auditorium. The meeting is open, but permission to speak will be granted only to those who make arrangements in advance with Senate Chairman Walter C. Mueller.

First to be considered by the Senate will be the recommendations of the General Education Committee advocates elimination of the present general education requirements, replacing them with a less restrictive system of three divisions based on the

B.A. proposal with 18 credits to be taken in one division, 15 credits in a second, and 12 credits in a third.

Division A would include art, music, classics, English, languages, linguistics, philosophy and specific theatre and speech courses. Division B includes the sciences and Division C, social sciences and specified courses in education, journalism, and speech.

If time permits, the recommendation by the Curricular Affairs Committee (CAC) that the B.A. Curriculum proposal be passed without waiving present general education requirements will be considered by the Faculty Senate.

The CAC report was discussed last Wednesday at an informal meeting of the College of Arts and Sciences faculty. A spokesman for CAC, asked why his committee did not favor waiving present general education requirements, answered "We did only what is under our jurisdiction. We didn't want to box in the General Education Committee. If their report is accepted, our report doesn't make any difference."

The same spokesman added that his committee members felt students would be inconvenienced if general education requirements were waived for only one year. The committee reasoned that after the year was up, students would be forced to make up requirements if the year waiver proved unsuccessful.

The possible creation of a language skills center, as recommended by the General Education Committee, was also brought up at the informal faculty meeting. Henry F. Capasso, chairman of the Skills Center Committee said his committee has nothing to report, adding that he was only on the committee as a result of a "sadistic dean."

## Vice-Pres. Wiley Questions Dormitory Room Drinking

by John P. Silva

Alton W. Wiley, vice president for student affairs, was questioned in an interview last Friday concerning the advisability of allowing drinking in university dormitories.

He said that older students drinking in their rooms might prove to be a temptation for under-age students to drink. He also said he wondered if the number of 21-year-olds on campus warranted the revision of university regulations. Mr.

Wiley earlier said, in apparent contradiction, that if a person is 21 and the law says he can drink, then he should be able to do so.

Dr. Paul Brubacher, URI's new dean of students, had said in a BEACON interview two weeks ago that he would like to allow drinking in residence hall rooms for those of legal age.

Mr. Wiley, speaking of the drive to lower the legal age to 18, said he doesn't feel we've "done enough in the area of getting the drinking age reduced." He added that he favors reducing the voting age and age of contract to 18.

When asked about the intervisitation policy on campus, Mr. Wiley said they are making the dormitories "as compatible as we possibly can with the outside world." He added that he has been receiving pressure from both sides for the extension of parietal hours and all of the arguments "for and against" seemed to make sense.

When asked about the announced cutback in Resident Assistants for the Fall semester Mr. Wiley said "one of the reasons for the cutback is financial and I hope it will make people accept more responsibility."

Speaking of the possibility of serving hard liquor in the student bar, Mr. Wiley said it would be harder to control in a student bar than in a faculty situation. This was in reference to the recent acquisition by the Faculty Center of a class 'D' hard liquor license.

Mr. Wiley said one of the more frustrating aspects of his job is that "administrative duties tie you to the desk." He expressed a desire to resume the breakfast meetings held earlier this year with various students in the campus community.

Speaking about his first semester experiences as the vice president for student affairs at URI, he said his most rewarding achievement has been that a "large number of students have felt they could drop in and talk."

Mr. Wiley concluded by saying "I feel my biggest contribution has been to bridge the gap between students and the administration."

## Plus-Minus Is Official System In URI Catalogue

The plus-minus grading system, approved by the Faculty Senate in Oct., 1968, will go into effect this fall unless action is taken to revoke or postpone the ruling.

The plus-minus system, contrary to the current national trend toward pass fail marking, would render marks more specific than the A, B, C, D, and F grades currently given. For example, an A would represent 4.00 quality points and an A-, 3.67. Presently 4.00 quality points are assigned an A, and no A-distinction is made.

According to Student Senate President Al Divoll, the senate is preparing a bill opposing the use of a plus-minus system. The second bill of its type to be presented at Student Senate, it will be based upon a student referendum taken at pre-registration in May, 1969 in which URI students voted 3-1 against a plus-minus system.

The Faculty Senate must still consider the plus-minus issue after it has been passed by the student Senate. The Academic Standards Committee has been requested to make recommendations at the May Faculty Senate meeting.

As the plus-minus system stands now, it is official URI marking procedure and is listed in the University manual. Implementation of the plan was postponed for one year in May, 1969, by the Faculty Senate.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a general Hillel meeting Thursday at 8 p.m. in room 322 of the Union. There will be a panel discussion on the current Israeli crisis. All Hillel members are urged to attend.

Frank Mangrem White, Jr., Professor of Mechanical and Ocean Engineering at URI, will speak tonight on "Reflections of a Ghettoized Engineer" at 7:45 p.m. in East Hall Auditorium. This lecture, open to all students, faculty, and the public, is a part of the Honors Colloquium Lecture Series.

## Gap Is Widening In College Costs And Student Aid

Waverly, Iowa—(I.P.)—There is a growing gap between rising college costs and loan assistance available to students. This is the opinion of Jim Lenguadoro, financial aids director at Wartburg College.

"Students of exceptional need no longer can get loans big enough to meet costs," he said, especially at Wartburg where the majority of the student body comes from families of moderate to low income levels.

The difference must be made up in work and outright gift assistance. The problem is magnified when one realizes the amount of money already invested in financial aids. Lenguadoro points out that 71.6 per cent of Wartburg's 1,409 students are receiving some kind of assistance. That amounts to 1,009 students.

And the amount each is receiving isn't exactly small. Lenguadoro says that his office is handling \$1,185,070 in aid or about \$1,000 per student.

The breakdown of this shows about \$550,000 dispensed in loans \$110,000 in Iowa Tuition Grants and Iowa State Scholarships, \$190,000 in work, \$200,000 in college budgeted gift assistance, \$100,000 in Educational Opportunity grants and \$35,000 from other outside sources.

This amounts to about 38 per cent of the total college income from student sources. Many students received a combination of outright gift assistance, work and loan; consequently the following figures will total more than 100 per cent of the 1,009 students on aid, but Lenguadoro's figures reveal the following:

58.8 per cent of 822 students receive aid which the college has committed through its financial aids program; 42.7 per cent or 602 students are getting outright gift assistance; 469 students are working; 575 are receiving some kind of loan; and 135 are benefiting from the recently established Iowa Tuition Grant program.

#### CORRECTION

Dr. Agnes Doody was quoted in last week's BEACON as having said that no new faculty members have been added to the Speech Dept. since its creation in 1967. The statement should have read: "No new faculty members have been added in the area of General Speech."

## Licht Proposes Budget Cut In State Education System

Governor Licht's proposal to the General Assembly allocated \$32,892,000 for higher education in R.I. or about \$500,000 less than requested. The total increase over last year's budget is \$4,904,700.

U.R.I.'s share is \$21,535,600 or about \$300,000 less than requested. The increase over the '69-'70 U.R.I. budget is \$3,071,200.

These figures are tentative until passed or changed by the General Assembly. However, the Democratically controlled legislature, facing a general election this year, will closely adhere to the Governor's request.

Once the figures are definitive, this lump sum reduction in the request will be finalized by the Trustees, and proportioned among the three state colleges. Once this is done, U.R.I. will decide how they will absorb the reduction specifically.

It is expected that the total U.R.I. budget including state appropriations, federal funds, income from students, dormitory fees and other sources will be \$40,871,150.

## URI Treasurer O'Connell Predicts No Fee Increases

What does the recently disclosed \$936,000 deficit mean to the URI student?

Nothing, financially, according to Joseph C. O'Connell, vice president for business affairs and URI treasurer. Mr. O'Connell said this week that the current general fee (\$162.50 per semester) and tuition for out-of-state students (\$400 per semester) will remain unchanged for the fall, 1970 semester.

The Bursar's office isn't so sure, however. Asked for fees to be charged next semester, office personell said "It's all up to the Board of Trustees."

The only definite increase is \$30 added to the bill as a Health Service Fee as announced last September.

URI will be undergoing a general "belt-tightening" to

compensate for the deficit in the last fiscal year's budget, however.

The student will be affected by this cutback in what Mr. O'Connell termed "auxiliary operations", such as general maintenance and capital expenditures.

The unusually expensive faculty telephone system has already been cut, Mr. O'Connell said, and some of the phones have been removed in one economy measure.

"Through co-operation of the faculty," said Mr. O'Connell, "the deficit can be taken care of in three years."

As far as academic programs go, the treasurer felt that the present programs will not have to be curtailed. Relief for the many departments presently complaining of deficient staff and overcrowded classes may be long in coming, however.

## How Is The \$10 Graduation Fee Used?

The fee is used towards the expense of graduation. We say towards because it does not defray the entire cost. The cost involves labor, construction, chairs, organ and organist, setting up Keaney in case of rain, police, speakers, and diplomas, just to name a few. The renting of caps and gowns does not come under this \$10 fee; this is paid by the individual student. We will have a further break-down for you as the year wears on.

### — ATTENTION! —

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# New IFC President: Young Views Future Frat. Plans

Installation of officers for the Interfraternity Council will be held on February 24. Mark Young of Lambda Chi Alpha, who ran unopposed, will be installed as president at that time.

In an interview, Mr. Young outlined two basic programs which he hopes to institute next fall. First, he intends to concentrate on "strengthening existing programs," including helping houses with rush, developing the Sophomore Forum, establishing new speaker programs with more faculty participation, and creating better communications among the fraternity houses.

Also, Mr. Young plans to revive the "Go Greek Symposium" which is designed to interest freshmen in the Greek system. Additional plans include another IFC Leadership Conference and the initiation of an alumni building fund to be controlled by the Interfraternity Alumni Council. Mr. Young stated that 75% of funds donated to universities nationwide come from fraternity alumni. He intends to tap this resource by setting up a fund to be used to aid in building new fraternities and to loan to fraternities needing financial help.



Mark Young

Other officers in IFC include: Executive Vice-President, Phil Gruber, Phi Sigma Delta; Administrative Vice-President, Spence Potter, Theta Chi; Internal Vice-President, Ed Marone, Theta Chi; Public Relations Vice-President, Bob Allen, Phi Gamma Delta; Secretary, Mike Hoopis, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; and Treasurer, Bob Lonardo, Chi Phi.

## Dog Is Rescued From Icy Pond By Two Students

Two fraternity men, A. Steve Moreau of Sigma Chi and Peter Wilkins of Phi Mu Delta, took the initiative from campus police last week when they dove into the icy water behind Ellery Hall to save a drowning dog.

Campus police, responding to a call informing them that a dog had fallen through the ice, arrived at the scene to find two dogs in the water. According to the police report, one swam to shore but the other seemed unable to make its way to safety.

Police called for a ladder from the fire station, but Moreau and Wilkins took immediate action. They went into the five-foot deep pond, reached the dog and pulled it to shore.

Chief Edward J. Ryan commended the fraternity men for their action in a letter to Asst. Dean of Students Maurice A. Belisle.

## Univ. Senate Open Hearing Prepared by Student Life

The Student Life Committee is now preparing for an open hearing on the proposed unicameral university government, according to committee chairman Dr. Lawrence C. Grebstein. The single university senate would represent not only the existing faculty and student senates, but also other organizations such as the student personnel services division. Its purpose, Dr. Grebstein said, would be to find a more representative single body which would co-ordinate all members of the university community.

Dr. Grebstein also disclosed that the committee is in the final stages of drafting a proposal for revising judiciary procedures for students involved in non-academic discipline cases. This proposal is a portion of the Statement of Rights, Privileges, and Responsibilities of Students. Depending upon what happens to this, the Statement of Rights and Privileges — will be submitted as a secondary document.

Another project, according to Dr. Grebstein, which the Student Life Committee hopes to explore this spring is the possible creation of an ombudsman for the university. The principle behind the ombudsman, which has its origin in the Scandinavian countries, is one which has become increasingly popular in American Universities including Cornell and Michigan State. Dr. Grebstein explained that an ombudsman is a person or office to which people can bring their complaints to have them resolved. Dr. Grebstein

indicated that an ombudsman could prove to be a beneficial service, one which could be utilized by both students and faculty alike.

## Dean Brubacher: A Closer Contact With Students

Dean of Students, Paul W. Brubacher, said Friday he is anxious to counter the "cop image" associated with the duties of his office. He announced plans to establish close contacts with students and organizations.

Dean Brubacher said his office is anxious to consider new proposals and invited students to submit their ideas for study. He said workable plans would be discussed with the authors and whatever students might be involved.

The new dean expressed hope that some progress on the increased intervisitation plan will be made this week. He met with a group of residence assistants Monday. He said he intends to meet with the Social Regulations Committee this week to work on the plan.

Dean Brubacher also said his office is preparing a new policy on the possession of alcoholic beverages. He added that he hopes a revised policy on drugs will come out of his office in the near future.

In addition, Dean Brubacher announced a drug awareness program which his office plans to institute later in the semester.

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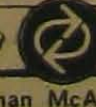
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## P. C.

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## Liberation?

At a time when most students of university life are clamoring for greater freedom, more responsibility, and less restriction, there still exist the last vestiges of an antiquated dress code in the women's physical education department.

The faculty of this department have actually had the audacity to impose dress restrictions upon the women in the curriculum. Any violators have been severely reprimanded, and it has been implied that grades are lowered if girls refuse to wear skirts to all physical education major classes.

To some, this restriction may seem trivial. Yet, until the last remnants of restrictions upon student freedoms are erased, every example is a major issue. The reason given by the faculty of the Physical Education Department for its insistence on skirts and dresses is that the department wishes to improve its image on campus. Are we then to suppose that to improve the image of, say, the English department, all those majoring in English would be required to dress accordingly?

This imposition upon women phys. ed. majors is unnecessary and extremely bothersome. There is no mention made of a dress code in either the URI catalog or the Undergraduate Student Handbook, which incidentally states that policies and procedures are founded on the precept that they will provide for "the promotion of responsible individual freedom and maturity."

The women's physical education department would be wise to re-evaluate its position on the campus and liberate its women to be recognized as independent and practical individuals.

—DD

Hearty congratulations are due the students of Providence College!

Tired of being part of a school that just doesn't change, regardless of the world around it, they made a request. They asked for evening intervisitation hours on weekends.

The answer was no.

Congratulations again! The newly-courageous PC students wouldn't accept no for an answer.

So the Corporation of Providence College "gave in" and offered a compromise—a weekend "visitation parlor" to be supervised by administrative personnel. Students asked for the right to entertain girls in their own rooms and they were given a playpen!

The student congress unanimously rejected the "playpen proposal." Students demonstrated and debated with the immaculate Father Haas and his corporation.

But, the immutable rock stood firm. "The college will be stronger internally and more respected by the community it serves for having decided to preserve its character," the corporation asserted.

After all, what's more important? The quality of college life offered students or preservation of a spotlessly conservative reputation?

The answer is obvious. The corporation announced its willingness to undergo financial hardship, possible reduction of students living on campus, and possible reduction of enrollment to protect its precious image.

URI, in comparison to PC (Pretty Conservative?) can consider itself a pioneer in the quest for student's rights.

We're sure P.C.'s virginity will be preserved by these acts of desperation.

—AF

## Letters to the Editor

### Student Argues for Value Of High School Education

Editor:

The refusal by the Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate to approve a supplementary recommendation of the proposed new B.A. curriculum is ominous with respect to the present and future of education, at all levels, in the state of Rhode Island.

The supplementary recommendation regarding a one-year waiver of the all-university General Education requirements was both cautious and political I am sure. For the ad hoc committee that drew up the new curriculum could very well have asked for the removal, rather than waiver, of the all-university General Education requirements.

It is the first reason given for this refusal in the last issue of the BEACON that disturbs me: "Students in this curriculum could be graduated with no exposure to or demonstration of proficiency in English, no history requirement, and no participation in Physical Education." By saying this the committee has disregarded the system of secondary school education.

For too long this university has disregarded the high school. It may be argued that the high school isn't doing its job. One can only reply by saying that it never had to because the state university has always given the freshman university student another going over — just to be sure. So, in effect, the university officials are telling the high school not to bother really educating the student.

The result is that a college freshman is faced with another round of introductory: English, history, biology, etc. Do the educators on the Curricular Affairs Committee believe that such a repetition of information constitutes higher education.

I'm afraid they do. But it is worse than that, for this idea of digestive education extends rather than the walls of the Curricular Affairs Committee room. I believe it is the prevalent idea that thrives at URI. And it won't be until this basic concept of what education is that this university and Rhode Island's high school system will begin to fulfill its service to the people.

William Chaudin

### GI's Welcome Mail From URI Women Students

Dear Editor:

I am writing to thank you for printing my last letter in which I asked the female population of U.R.I. to write some letters to the men here at the 84th USA Missile Detachment. The response was fantastic.

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to sit down and write — even the few who wrote the "crackpot" letters we received (they take time to write too). They were quite interesting and we got a laugh out of them — especially the one from Margi R. That one was such a classic that we sealed it in acetate and put it on our bulletin board for all to see.

All the letters have been distributed and it's up to the men now to answer them. I know a few of them have and others are planning to. I hope that everyone who wrote a letter will receive one in return. Many thanks everyone — we really appreciate it.

Gratefully, Kevin McEntee  
2Lt. FA  
Team Leader

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# On Our Way Out

by Rick Nathan

There are a lot of things one can do nowadays to kill time. F.M. underground radio is nice. No records scratched. Just sit and nod off. I dig it. Only an occasional newscast to distract me.

"Secretary of State Rogers, having returned today from Vietnam, has announced that the Vietnamization process is actually progressing ahead of schedule."

The Mongol hordes, already having reached their peak, wanted to make the Eastern Anatolian peninsula "safe" for Mongolism. Certainly not the first to apply it, they decided to implement a "scorched earth" policy. Every village was raised. Every man, woman and child in the area was either killed or removed to "safe" areas along the Persian Gulf and elsewhere. And, what is most remarkable, every tree was torn out, every river drained, the land was made uninhabitable. To this day the area is unredeemed.

The Spanish empire, beginning the end of its decline, made a last ditch effort to crush the Cuban revolution in the period 1895-1898. Recognizing correctly, that it was in the countryside among the peasants that the rebellion thrived, the Spanish acted rationally and efficiently. They implemented what is known as a "scorched earth" policy, known to historians of the period as "reconcentrado." In all areas of peasant resistance, every man, woman and child was removed to "safe" areas near urban centers and large villages and cities. Those who remained in their villages were killed, as the villages were raised.

The empire of the United States is starting to dissolve. In one of its colonies, "Nam," there is a peasant rebellion which must be crushed. The area is strategic, in the words of ex-Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, in terms of its access to

markets to the west in Cambodia, Burma, Laos and Thailand, and to the east and south in Indonesia and Malaysia. It is the peasantry, argue political scientists at state universities, argue employees of Rand Corporation, argue R.O.T.C. trained officers stationed in the "battle zone," who are the source of resistance. "Let us do the rational, the efficient, the natural thing." They implemented what is known to history as the "scorched earth" policy, but which is ultimately ineffective in arresting imperial decline. "It has been established that your village is in an area of 'communist insurrection.' At 6:00 p.m. your village shall be bombed, it shall be napalmed, the best America has manufactured shall be used to obliterate your village. You shall be moved to a pacified zone and are assigned to strategic hamlet (say concentration camps) number 17, under the authority of newly 'Vietnamized' Vietnamese."

The newscast is over, and I can daydream to more tunes. "William Kuntzler, attorney to the Chicago Eight, was sentenced this morning to four years and thirteen days, for contempt of court. The defendants have been unilaterally given two and one half years each for contempt. The jury has yet to pronounce verdict over whether the Eight are guilty of attempting to

provoke an insurrection in Chicago, during their Festival of Life."

I wish the blanking radio would stop talking, and start singing. It has nothing to tell me that I don't already know. Nothing to tell me that I don't already know.

-I know everything that I want to know.

"America is still the free and open society of its cherished image and well-established ideals."

"The New York Times reports that the Nixon administration has sent three functionaries to oversee desegregation in the state of Mississippi. To date, none has occurred."

-I learn what I need to. Werner Baum, citizen, earns \$35,000 a year and is given the use of a car, a house, and a garden. His gardener earns \$2.29 an hour.

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# Mardi Gras Weekend

## Tim Buckley: Friday

by Gerry Boudreau

Tim Buckley's concert at Edwards Auditorium last Friday is undoubtedly the most unconventional one seen on the URI campus in many a season. To begin with, Buckley is usually referred to, quite mistakenly, as a folk singer. By no stretch of the imagination could Buckley's recent performance here be categorized as folk music. Moments after the concert began fans and those who were there only out of curiosity, discovered that what they were

hearing was a far cry from what they expected to hear.

It requires some adjustment in one's concept of what a musical concert should be before one makes a decision as to whether such a show is good or bad. The obvious reaction of the general audience was one of dissatisfaction, though this was restrained considerably; the crowd treated Buckley politely, though his reception was somewhat less than overwhelming.

Strangely enough, I find myself differing from this seemingly common opinion. In fact, I rather enjoyed Buckley's performance. To begin with, I attempted to analyze the general reaction and see why the average listener was so cold to Buckley's new style, and other than the previously mentioned failure to adjust their preconceived image of Tim Buckley to the Tim Buckley that appeared on Edwards stage, I could find no good reason.

Buckley's vocal range is nothing short of incredible. (There are only two folk and/or rock singers who can literally scream on any given pitch: Buckley and Lee

Michaels. Whether or not this is any distinction is a matter for debate, but I tend to think it is). The five-man group which backed up Buckley were superb musicians in their own right, particularly, guitarist Lee Underwood. The pace of the concert was steady and rapid, from the opening—reminiscent of a Charlotte Moorman happening—to the finale.

The concert was experimental, to be sure, but I felt it was a welcome change of pace from those groups and individual performers who merely re-play in concert their string of 'hits' which in most respects is no different from listening to them on record. Seeing a performer in concert should be something special, not the same as listening to the radio. In the case of Tim Buckley, no one can deny that this concert was something special. With this I will rest my case, and leave all other value judgements to the individual, with a warning that one should not hold to traditional values merely because they are traditional nor latch on to something unusual merely because it is new. This basically is what music is all about.



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## Benefit Street

by Gerry Boudreau

On a weekend that includes such luminaries as Laura Nyro, Tim Buckley, and Jaime Brockett, it is particularly easy, in choosing which performance to attend, to base the decision merely on the fact that a performer has an established name. While not meaning to slight any of the above mentioned artists, I feel that any one who overlooked the 'concert' (being in quotes since it was actually advertised as a dance) by Benefit Street in the Memorial Union Ballroom, overlooked one of the highlights of Mardi Gras Weekend.

Benefit Street, for those who may not be already familiar with the group, are a Providence-based organization, consisting largely of ex-members of The American Dream. They have been one of the better-known groups on a local level for several years, and are at least beginning to attain the more widespread recognition they deserve.

In concert, they are one of

the most capable and versatile groups to have appeared at any campus function. Leaning heavily on material from groups such as The Band, Crosby Stills & Nash, The Byrds, Benefit Street is able to add that touch of originality to the repertoire that shows they are not merely imitators. The fact is, they are impressive composer-musicians in their own right. "Barefoot Boy," a group original and soon to be released as a single on ABC Probe records, was one of the highlights of Saturday night's set, and "Morgan the Mutant Played the Bass Drum," another original, featured a lengthy, rousing drum solo which brought those who were not already standing to their feet.

I will make my prediction now that Benefit Street will be one of the most exciting groups to watch during the coming year, and it's a name I'm sure you'll be hearing much more of in the near future.

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## Jamie Brockett Saturday

by Gerry Boudreau

Jaime Brockett, who has long been a local hero of sorts, was, at least in my opinion, what Arlo Guthrie should have been last December 5th. Sharing the same bill with Laura Nyro, Brockett demonstrated that he can in no sense be considered a second rate performer.

Brockett combines, and most successfully, a dry sense of humor, with a deep-rooted background in folk music. Prime examples of the lighter side of Jaime Brockett are "Teenybopper Blues" and "Legend of the Titanic," Brockett's parallel to "Alice's Restaurant," an irreverent satire which brought the crowd clamoring to it's feet.

In contrast to Guthrie, Brockett can be considered more of a vocal stylist. Guthrie is best doing a spoken monologue; Brockett, on the

other hand, has a particularly pleasant singing voice, reminding me considerably of Rod McKuen.

The bulk of his non-satirical compositions are ballads, soft and lyrical, not unlike the early melodies of Leonard Cohen. In fact, to draw this parallel further, one of the highlights of Brockett's set was a wistful piece called "Suzanne" though not the one which Cohen composed.

Audience reaction to Jaime Brockett was exceptionally warm; he was far more than a time-killer until Laura Nyro reached the stage. He was a unique and interesting performer by anyone's standards, and as such did more than set the stage for Laura Nyro.

Jaime Brockett has firmly established himself in the minds of his URI audience as one of the major performers in the field of folk music.



The faces of Jamie Brockett as he sings of the "Titanic" and how it went down.

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## Laura Nyro: Saturday

by Gerry Boudreau

Laura Nyro is undeniably one of the most complex composers of modern music to have achieved overnight success during a pop-rock decade which spawned such "illustrious talents" as The Strawberry Alarm Clock and Janis Ian.

It at first appeared that Laura was doomed to suffer the same fate as her less worthy contemporaries, since her first album was somewhat less than a commercial success. However, when performers such as Linda Ronstadt, Blood Sweat & Tears and the Fifth Dimension began interpreting her music on a more commercially acceptable level, it didn't take long for the average listener to realize that Laura Nyro had a good deal more to offer than most had originally believed.

Strangely enough, when seeing Laura Nyro in concert at Edwards Auditorium this past Saturday, it was not her popular repertoire which impressed me the most; it was the relatively obscure ballads which demonstrate far better her talents as singer, composer, and pianist. She is undoubtedly one of the most sensitive interpreters of haunting, lyrical ballads that can currently be heard, far more so than some of her better-known peers.

Miss Nyro is particularly soft-spoken as the enthusiastic audience learned when she began reading excerpts from a book of poetry. Despite the relative quiet in the auditorium, she could scarcely be heard.

Little more need be said. Laura Nyro received one of the warmest ovations of any performer to have appeared at URI this year. Judging from her performance, this reception was not, nor ever will be, unique.



JOSH WHITE JR

## Josh White, Jr.

by Gerry Boudreau

Although playing to a relatively small audience (which was probably due to the fact that after seeing the other concerts, considered the "major" ones, no one could afford to see the virtually obscure folk singer on Sunday night), Josh White Jr. demonstrated his virtuosity as a first-rate entertainer. I say entertainer as opposed to singer, since I felt it was his ultra-professional stage presence which was his greatest asset as a performer. Quick with the ad-lib and immediately establishing a strong rapport with the audience, White maintained this throughout the entire performance.

White's voice also was of particularly strong quality, although I felt his choice of material was somewhat weak. There was too much reliance on material by composers such as Burt Bacharach and Jim Webb, whereas he should have had a greater emphasis on folk/blues material, at which I felt he was best. In an over-all view however, it was a fitting close to a most enjoyable weekend.

Finally, I think I should offer a word of commendation to Bobby Kosser, who emceed all the performances and did a particularly fine job of it. All in all, Mardi Gras weekend was nothing short of a complete success.

## Dean of Students Approves Student R. A. Selections

Students in two dormitories selected their own residence assistants early this semester, and the Dean of Students' office announced Friday that the new R.A.'s and the method of selection has been approved.

Jane M. Schank, a junior in the College of Home Economics and a fourth floor resident of Barlow Hall, was chosen by an elected committee of eight co-residents to fill a vacancy which occurred when the former R.A. married.

Michael Leso, a sophomore majoring in psychology, was selected by a committee of six residents from Bressler Hall's third floor. Their R.A. had resigned and decided to commute this semester.

Dr. Paul W. Brubacher, Dean of Students, said his office approves of the move toward self-regulation. He added that his office will try to promote programs which emphasize individual responsibility and improve the general quality of living conditions on campus.

David P. Jenkins, Bressler Hall director, reported that, in addition to selecting Leso, the third floor residents drafted a description of what they thought a Residence Assistant's duties should be. Dr. Brubacher said their description and his office's directive concerning those duties are markedly similar.

Barbara Huppee, Barlow Hall director, said Miss Schank was selected after the fourth floor committee interviewed four applicants for the vacancy. Miss Huppee said the applicants were interviewed together and the selection was based on Miss Schank's replies to situational questions.

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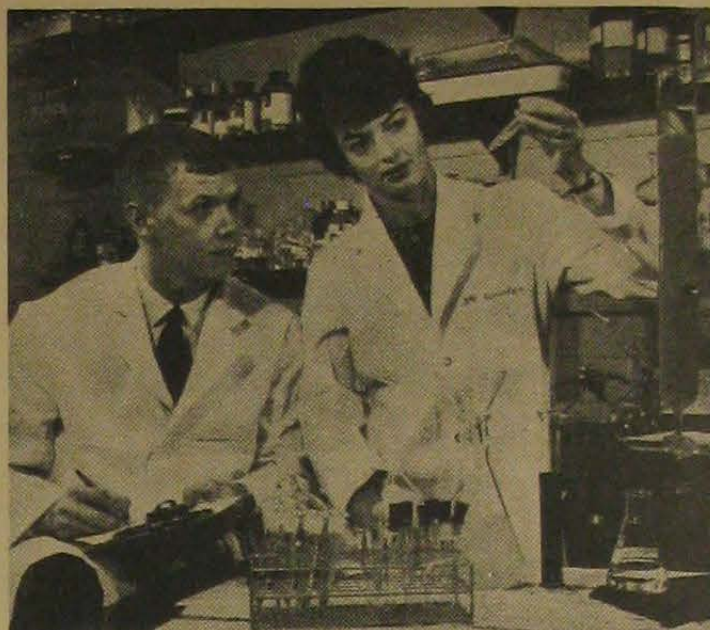
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## Course Revision OK'd By Faculty Comm. of Cornell

Ithaca, N.Y. (I.P.) The Educational Policy Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences at Cornell University voted last spring to allow "individualized majors" for undergraduates in the College, according to the fourth annual report on undergraduate education written by Miss Sheila Tobias, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs.

Excerpts: The individualized major will be a program of study designed by the student, and approved by a nine-member committee, which will cross departmental lines and sometimes even College lines.

When a student wishes to focus on a topic that lies between or across the boundaries of existing departments, he will apply to the committee giving a title for his program, a rationale which identifies and describes the area he intends to study, and his reasons for wishing to pursue that field.

He will list the courses, both elementary and advanced, which are proposed and indicate the semester in which they will be taken. Once the program has been approved, the student's faculty advisor is responsible for it.

Significant was the EPC's vote of confidence in the major system. In approving an individualized major, much of the criticism of the major system will be stilled.

New Courses: Experimental course in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Complaints about the unsatisfactory quality of the classroom experience, particularly in introductory courses, have long been met with an exhortation to be patient until small seminars become the rule in the junior

## Registration for Free Univ. Under Way — to End Today

Registration for seven Free University courses to be offered this semester is under way in the bookstore lobby. Official registration will end this afternoon, but interested students may go directly to classes and register there.

and senior years.

The drawbacks to the large 100 and 200-level lecture courses are as numerous as they are well-known: impersonality, didacticism, inflexibility, isolation of students from faculty, general inadequacy of sketchy "survey" courses which lack depth in discussion of subject matter.

With these problems in mind and with a desire to face realistically the likelihood that large lecture courses will not be abandoned for seminars in the foreseeable future, three professors designed a proposal for an experimental large lecture course in the humanities and social sciences.

The College of Arts and Sciences agreed to offer Philosophy-Economics-Social Psychology 200 — An inquiry into the Limits of Human Freedom. The course is taught by three professors, one from each of the departments mentioned, and assisted by teaching assistants who represent even other disciplines, such as history and sociology.

The course focuses on an inquiry, rather than a set of facts to be learned. The question to be posed is "What developments and conditions have determined the present scope of human freedom, and what range of freedoms should we seek?"

Clearly, it is an attempt to eliminate the authority-discipline relationship which places artificial barriers between students and teachers in most classes.

According to present registration figures, most popular of the courses are entitled "Student Dissent" and "Rock Music." The dissent class, scheduled for 9 to 11 p.m. Thursday evenings, in 206 Independence, will cover the history, validity and reasons for student dissent as presented by Gary Ferdman and Steve Gorin. Bob Corwin and E. Demata will lead study and discussion of rock groups Thursday nights in 213 Independence.

A women's liberation course on "The Female: Past, Present and Future" is being planned by Becky Tipples to begin in March.

Present plans call for ten, two-hour classes with special guest speakers and discussion. Subjects to be covered include women's role in society, psychology and anthropology.

Registration for the course is scheduled for March 2-6.

Other courses in the free university program include: "Christ the Man," Mondays, 7-9 p.m., 220 Independence, under the direction of Rev. French and Robert McIntire; "Draft Counseling," Mondays, 9-11 p.m., 206 Independence, by Norman Gadour; a series of film studies, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. first of the series scheduled for Independence Auditorium; and "Education Reform" by Sue Sefton on Thursday, 7-9 p.m. in 220 Independence.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winslow Ames of the Art Department will address the *Heure Francaise* on his collection of original French sketches and drawings tonight at 4:30 p.m. in M.U. Rm. 329. His talk will be in French. There will be a coffee hour afterward.

A Geology Colloquium will be held on Thursday evening at 7:30 in Green Hall, Rm. 4. Mr. O. Don Hermes of the Geology Department will speak on the geologic aspects of the East African Rift Valley.

Karate Instruction: Open to men and women; Tuesday and Thursday evenings; 6:30 to 8 p.m.; Neighborhood Guild, Peace Dale, 789-9301.

## Questionnaires To Determine Future of AWS

AWS distributed questionnaires to the approximately 3,500 resident women on campus last week to help the group decide whether to abolish itself. It will vote on this issue next Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m.

The survey asks for suggestions for AWS projects, ideas on the purpose and present function of AWS and whether women believe AWS should be continued.

"We are currently going through a period of transition," said AWS President Fran LaVecchio, "and the 50-member council feels they need the direct opinion of the women they represent in deciding whether to continue as an organization."

The opinion surveys are to be returned to the AWS representatives in each residence this week and will be read and summarized by each representative at the AWS council meeting next Tuesday.

AWS relinquished most of its power in the fall of this year when it made individual residences autonomous. AWS is now directing all of its energy to preparing for Woman Power Week program to be announced in detail next week.

## Small Fire Empties Hall

A small fire confined to a first-floor storage closet caused students to be evacuated from Ballentine Hall, at 2:30 Monday afternoon. According to the Kingston Fire Dept., the fire was extinguished by a professor in the building before fire trucks arrived at the scene.

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# DeStefano Outlines Role

State Republican Party Chairman George DeStefano emphasized the role of youth in government in a speech delivered to an audience of about ten Young Republicans last Thursday night at the Memorial Union.

"Young people are the disciples of change," said Mr. DeStefano, "they are eager to get in and get the job done." "Unfortunately," he added, "those who parade around get the most attention."

Speaking about the growth and history of the Republican Party, he said that Republican change has been a continuous process of 200 years, instituting such things as the concept of social security at a time when "the aged and poverty stricken were shunned."

The changes of today, however, said Mr. DeStefano, will be different from those of yesterday, for they will be much swifter because of the working together of state and local governments to initiate these changes.

Mr. DeStefano mentioned the draft and tax laws as an example of the current trend in governmental cooperation and also the fact that Rhode Island has switched to an emphasis on air and water control along with the federal government. "In years ahead," he said,



Senator George DeStefano

"We will see more efforts to merge cities and towns, although the pressure right now is for the state government to assume the burden of welfare and education."

He said that President Nixon has taken steps to do this already in his offering of a program for federal funds to flow to states with no strings attached.

In a closing statement to the Young Republicans, Mr. DeStefano said he is trying to

get the Young Republicans to do more research for the party, so that they will no longer be an untapped source of support.

After the departure of Chairman DeStefano, the Young Republicans held nominations for the election of officers to take place this week. Nominations for vice-chairman are Dave Talan, Richard Godfrey, Roy Rathbone, for secretary and treasurer, Gail Wilcox. These and the other offices are still open for nominations until Thursday.

## Student Senate Considers Bill for Grading System

Argument over whether or not a bill concerning a choice of grading systems in the future should be sent back to committee for further investigation was of main concern at the Student Senate meeting Monday in the Student Senate chambers.

About a half-hour was spent arguing as to how the bill was to be amended, and several amendments were made to the original amendments. Finally the bill, which would allow for the option of choosing a grading system of credit-not credit or the present grading system in the freshmen or junior year, was finally sent back to the Academic Affairs Committee for revision.

Other argument in the Senate ensued over the proposal of Sen. Tanner to have money allotted to conferences from the travel fund before students have been picked to take part in the conferences. Many senators also questioned another proposal of Sen. Tanner to have the conferences publicized in the BEACON before students were picked.

Other action taken at the meeting was the passage of a constitutional amendment for vice presidential succession prompted by the resignation of Diane Davis as vice president last Monday.

Also defeated was a bill which would allow for a reduction in the Memorial Union fee from \$20 to \$10 for students who are commuting and more particularly student teachers.

One bill passed at the meeting would allow for the extension of overnight parking for students from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. However, students who park their cars in staff parking areas may still be ticketed or towed if they are not out before 7:30 a.m.

## Three Senators Resign, Divoll Is "Disturbed"

Senators Joan Zompa, Donna-Lee Villani and James Paroline submitted resignations to Student Senate President L. Allen Divoll at the Monday evening meeting.

Citing "growing inefficiency" and "disgust with the bigotry, inter-committee prejudices and lack of senatorial courtesy," the senators resigned in unison.

Senator Tony Robinson said that "people have a lack of commitment" and felt that the three senators should have stayed on.

President Divoll, visibly disturbed by the resignations, said, "It is unfortunate to lose three people...I can't look at the resignations objectively because of the emotion involved."

Sen. Paroline was chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee.

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1:00—Basketball Films, URI vs. P.C., Pastore 124  
1:00—APO, Rm 118  
3:00—Open hearing, Fac. Sen. Research Com. on the Use of Orchestra funds, Bal. 102  
4:00—Open Hearing on Phys. Ed., Ballroom  
4:30—French Conversation Hour, Rm 320  
6:00—SEC, Rm 308  
6:00—SOP, Rm 322  
6:30—CAP, Rm 306  
7:00—Young Republicans, Rm 316  
7:00—Sigma Phi Epsilon, Rm 331  
7:30—R.I. State Employees Assoc., Rm 320  
7:45—Honors Colloquium, East Aud.  
8:00—Open Debate, Pass-Fail System, Ind. Aud.  
8:00—Little Rest Bird Club, Edwards  
8 & 9:30—Coffee House Circuit, North Ram's Den

Thursday, Feb. 19  
Basketball at St. Anselm's.  
9:2—Panhel Rush Invitations, Rm 331  
9:5—UMOC Contest, Lobby  
10:3—U.S. Army Recruiting, Rm 211  
3:30—HOPE, Rm 320  
6:30—WAA, Rm 118  
7:00—Young Republicans, Rm 316  
7:30—Hillel, Rm 322  
8:00—Local 528, Rm 320  
8:00—HEED, Edwards  
9:00—HEED, Ind. Aud.

Friday, Feb. 20  
9:5—UMOC Contest, Lobby  
3:00—Sachems, Rm 305  
6:15—Hillel Services, Chapel  
8:30—SHA NA NA, Concert, Edwards

## Intern Program Open to Students

URI undergraduates will be eligible to participate in the congressional internship programs sponsored by Senator Claiborne Pell and Representative Robert Tiernan during this semester. The appointments are not restricted to political science majors or even those who have registered for political science courses.

Under the congressional programs, students spend one week as interns in either Senator Pell's office or Representative Tiernan's office. Two students are selected for each weekly internship period, which includes the weeks of March 9, and April 6, 20, and 27. There is a limited amount of financial assistance available to support students who might otherwise be unable to participate in the program.

Applications as well as information may be obtained in the Political Science Department office, 126 Washburn Hall. Applications must be submitted by February 27.



UGLY MAN ON CAMPUS (UMOC) contestants assemble for pictures. The one in the middle is not believed to be a candidate. (It's really Dave Schneider of APO and sometimes Beacon Photographer)

Saturday, Feb. 21  
Sorority Bids Day  
9:5—UMOC Contest, Lobby  
11:00—IVCF, Rm 305  
7:30—Film, "April Fools", Edwards  
7:30—Basketball at Vermont  
Sunday, Feb. 22:  
10:00 a.m.—Hillel Sunday School, Rms 306, 308, 320  
7:30—Film, "April Fools", Edwards  
8:00—International Folk Dance Group, Lippitt  
Monday, Feb. 23  
9:4:30—VISTA, Rm 211  
1:00—Class Officers, Ballroom  
4:00—SEC, Rm 308  
4:00—Student Traffic Appeals Board, Rm 306  
6:30—Student Senate, Senate  
6:30—Union Current Events Com., Rm 305  
7:00—College Bowl, Browsing Rm  
7:00—Union Activities Com., Rm 320  
7:30—Student Marine Fisheries Assoc., Rm 331  
Tuesday, Feb. 24  
9:4:30—VISTA, Rm 211  
6:30—Union Arts Com., Rm 322  
6:30—Union Recreation Com., Rm 316  
6:30—IFC, Senate  
7:00—Scabbard & Blade, Rm 118  
8:00—Writers Series, Browsing Rm  
8:30—Blue Key, Rm 316

The Union Board has announced the beginning of the URI College Bowl. It will be held every Monday night starting February 16 in the Memorial Union. All students are urged to participate in this exciting scholastic competition.

Any student interested in picking up a copy of the university directory should come to the Student Senate Office (third floor memorial union). Limit is one per person.

## Ugly Men Vie for URI Title

Twelve gruesome candidates for the coveted title of URI's Ugly Man on Campus graced the stage of the union ballroom last Wednesday night in the annual ugly man contest sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega.

Pictures of each candidate are on display this week in the union lobby. The winning ugly man, to be determined at the end of the week by the amounts of money in each ugly man's jar, will be officially presented at the URI - PC basketball game Feb. 25.

All donations will go to the Big Brother - Big Sister program, CANE (Citizens to Advance Negro Education), and the Sand Turn Community Center in Peace Dale.

The candidates are as follows: Bill McKenna, Bressler Hall; Nancy Newby, Merrow; Donald McNeil, Theta Delta Chi; John Vogel, Burnside; Allen Hale, Lambda Chi Alpha; David Patty, Phi Sigma Delta; Ken Quinlan, Phi Gamma Delta; Michael Pilla, Tau Kappa Epsilon; Don Beaty, Sigma Phi Epsilon; Sie Maski, Phi Kappa Psi; Steve Elterich, Chi Phi and Frank Corey, Sigma Chi.

Ellery Hall beat Phi Mu Delta in intramural foul shooting competition, tying the school record of 75 out of 100 shots.

# DEBATE ON PASS-FAIL GRADING INDEPENDENCE AUDITORIUM 8:00 P. M. TONIGHT

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## HEED to Fight Pollution; First Gen'l Meeting Thurs.

In Southern Rhode Island, concern with the polluted environment has led to the formation of the organization HEED (Humans to End Environmental Deterioration).

Although the founding group is made up of URI students, HEED will aim for faculty and community involvement, also. According to Steven G. Zelenski, a member of HEED's steering committee, the organization will try to get as broad a base of membership as possible. Mr. Zelenski, a graduate student in pharmacognosy, said that the key to the solution is getting enough intelligent people involved—quickly. "The problem is reversible now" but in time it might not be.

Having an organization with as broad a scope as ending environmental deterioration, HEED will be able to attack problems as seemingly diverse as the threat of the Vietnam War to our environment, to the Peace Dale flats and their threat to human survival, as well as other areas of pollution. One of the policies of HEED will be, however, education

before action to eliminate "false criticism," Mr. Zelenski said.

At registration earlier this month, members of HEED were accepting names of undergraduates interested in joining the organization. According to Mr. Zelenski, fewer than 200 people signed HEED's mailing list. Before soliciting for more undergraduate membership, though, the steering committee for HEED is finalizing programs and plans for action to offer its members.

On Thursday, Feb. 19, HEED will hold its first general meeting on the URI campus in Edwards Auditorium at 8 p.m. Dr. Clarence M. Tarzwell, Director of National Marine Quality Laboratories will speak. Afterwards, the meeting will break up into workshops centered around the various areas of pollution.

HEED, as a branch of Ecology Action for Rhode Island, is also making plans for a day devoted to environmental education. This teach-in will be observed nationally on April 22.

## Complete Pass-Fail System May Be Instituted

VALPARAISO, Ind.-(I.P.)—A complete pass-fail system with individual evaluations for each student and with comprehensive examinations at the end of four years may ultimately be the product of current discontent and experimentation with grading systems at Valparaiso University.

To accomplish these beginning steps (based on the findings of the recently released Task Force Report), provide a maximum testing program for pass-fail and evaluations, and allow those who want to take more pass-fail to do so, VU should:

1. Retain the present grading system for all upperdivision and elective courses, except in the cases specified below.

2. Implement an all pass-fail system for the lower division courses. Considering the theory that general education should emphasize the living-learning process and the fact that nearly half the freshman class respondents in the Student Senate poll favored pass-fail for themselves, the logical place to begin extensive trial of the pass-fail system is in the freshman year.

All tests and papers should receive written evaluations to clarify the symbol grade given. Simply changing symbols and reducing the number of possible classifications can only make the new system worse than what we have now.

Furthermore, to avoid conflicting academic pressures with graded courses, the whole freshman year including elective should be pass-fail.

3. Implement pass-fail in all courses taken during the interim term in a 4-1-4 calendar and in all independent study done during that term. Pass-fail is particularly adaptable to both and probably could be made official university policy before an extended system of pass-fail is ready to go at VU.

4. Allow all students who wish it to take all their courses pass-fail at this university, i.e.,

after completing the freshman year, a student may opt to take his sophomore year pass-fail, and so on until the student decides to revert to the traditional grade scale.

The reasons a student might choose such a system for four years of course work is his concern, but VU should work with such students before and after graduation and allow them to take courses under the grading system they wish.

Those students who use pass-fail for four years would also be the best indicators of how feasible pass-fail would be for the entire University.

5. Develop a program of gradual change to total pass-fail with evaluations and possible terminal examinations.

Conclusion: As stated above, discontent with current grading policies is wide-spread and growing among American educators and students. If VU is to become a center for modern education, it should develop a program of change, using proposals 2, 3 and 4 as a core of that program.

This program is too limited and has too many conflicts with traditional academic pressures to be effective. The proposals presented above will be useful, however, because they put pass-fail where it will do the most good—in the freshman year—and isolates the new system for complete and accurate testing of its admittedly great potential.

The problem is, then, to begin to change the present system to a more evaluative one; to remove the stigma grades have on good education; to counteract negative peer influences in the freshman year; to provide graduates with a transcript which is easily communicated to graduate schools and business; to provide each student with a more accurate account of his progress in college, thereby avoiding self-interpretation problems students are currently having.

## Zarchen Predicts Gloomy Future for 1970-'71 Sports

Maurice Zarchen, Director of Athletics, expressed grave doubts as to the operation of next year's sports program at the Athletic Council meeting last Tuesday evening.

Mr. Zarchen stated that the budget for the 1970-71 season will be approximately \$214,000 with at least \$196,000 needed to allow the football and basketball teams to remain in Yankee Conference competition. The remaining \$18,000 would have to be used to support other university sports, including wrestling, soccer, and several others, as well as women's sports.

Mr. Zarchen said that if it were necessary to de-emphasize football and basketball, this would cause URI's exclusion from the Yankee Conference, plus bringing an end to interstate competition with Providence College and Brown.

Some possibilities that Mr. Zarchen offered included elimination of freshman sports (which would also mean elimination from Yankee Conference competition), concentration on spring sports along with elimination of fall sports, or elimination of sports with no significance to the Yankee Conference.

Vice-President for Student Affairs Alton W. Wiley suggested the alumni association as a possible

untapped source for athletic support, but Mr. Zarchen felt it was doubtful that enough money could be raised to equalize the budgeting problem.

Adding to the financial difficulties in the athletic department, housing office has announced that beginning next fall athletes will not be allowed to remain in dorms, etc., during vacations. This will cost the Athletic Association \$4000 more to house basketball, indoor track, and baseball participants off campus during school recesses.

Mr. Zarchen became extremely emotional when he discussed the possibilities available. He said that the question of the sports program must be ultimately decided by the students, who recently rejected an athletic tax increase. In reference to de-emphasizing certain sports, Mr. Zarchen stated, "You can't do them half way. Either do them right or don't do them at all." Mr. Zarchen said that the 1970-71 budget allotted to athletics was "unrealistic, unfair and stupid!"

The Council adjourned its meeting after asking Mr. Zarchen to present a more explicit listing of the possibilities which he enumerated. The next meeting will be held on March 18.

## Letters to the Editor

### Former Sen. Seeks Help

Dear Editor:

I realize that the recent wave of Student Senate resignations has a very negative effect upon the attitudes of the members of the student body. Many students, and senators, have become completely discouraged and disgusted with the organization. Many no longer have faith in the effectiveness or relevancy of such an organization on our campus. Although I realize that, due to my actions Monday night, I am among those guilty of perpetrating this concept, I hope I can give some encouragement to my fellow students.

The student senate can be an efficient form of student government - with the right kind of people. An effective government requires people who are willing to cooperate with each other in an unbiased manner, people who are sincerely interested in the welfare of the members of our campus and are willing to work toward this end, rather than toward a gain in personal power and prestige.

I am convinced that a strong

student government is a possibility on this campus. I sincerely hope that anyone who previously had a desire to run for a senate position will not be prevented from doing so by what has been happening.

The Student Senate needs sincere people. Only then can it be effective. And U.R.I. needs an effective student senate.

Sincerely,  
Donna-Lee Villani  
James Paroline

### Ath. Dir. Zarchen Praises URI Conduct At Game

Dear Sir:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere admiration for the members of the student body for their wonderful demonstration of school spirit during the delay in the basketball game with St. John's on February 3.

The music by the pep band, the numbers by the Ramettes and cheerleaders and the general overall conduct of everyone of the 4000 fans in the building was heartwarming. For those critics of the youth of today, may I suggest that they visit our campus. I am proud of all of you.

Cordially,  
Maurice Zarchen  
Director of Athletics

## Rams on Top

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cashed in 19 rebounds. Nate Adger, who has improved from game to game, got 20 points. But probably the most impressive aspect of the 77-67 win was the ability of guards Eddie Molloy and Dwight Tolliver to play ball-control basketball and enable us to protect our lead.

Against Maine, the nation's smallest major-college backcourt and company played one of the most one-sided affairs that they have enjoyed in a long time, as they won 98-71. For once, URI coach Carmody found time to use his reserves, as the outcome was never really in doubt.

## Women Fencers In Championships

This Sunday the URI women fencers will compete in the New England Intercollegiate Team Championships at Brandeis University. Both the beginning team and the advanced players will be entered in the meet. URI is the defending champion in the beginners category, having won that classification for the past three years.

Kathy Elderkin, Debbie Nelson and Connie Berrill, all sophomores, will attempt to keep the trophy at URI.

The advanced team of senior Marge Lebeau, juniors Sandy Reynolds and Pat Ruggerio, and sophomore Alexis Finger, all returning players, will try for the trophy in the advanced division. Brandeis University currently holds first place in this division.

For the first time in quite a while, John Fultz did NOT lead the URI scoring. Dwight Tolliver was the leader in the Maine game with 25 points, with Fultz scoring "only 21."

This week the Rams will face little St. Anselm's of Manchester, New Hampshire and Vermont in another "big game" in the wild Yankee Conference race. The Catamounts knocked off

UConn earlier this year, and could cause the Rams problems in Burlington.

The race is far from over yet, however, until Rhode Island meets UConn at Storrs on Feb. 28. Before that, however, the Rams will face Providence College at Keaney Gym on the 25th.

No, the season is not over by a long shot. In fact, the fun may be just beginning!

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## Findeisen, Cosenza Win, Trackmen Lose to UConn

Despite valiant efforts from several performers, Coach Tom Russell's trackmen went down before the University of Connecticut Huskies by a score of 65-48 last Wednesday at Storrs. Wayne Findeisen, URI ace pole vaulter, set a new Connecticut fieldhouse record in that event by clearing a height of 14 feet 3 1/2 inches. The old record of 13 feet 11 inches was held by UConn's Paul Pasore, a high school rival of Findeisen's.

Double winners for Rhody were John Cosenza in the long jump and the triple jump, and Pete Wilkens in the 60 yard dash and the hurdles. Wilkens also ran a 49.4 second quarter mile in anchoring the Rams in the mile relay.

Speedster Jerry Hassard ran a fine 1:12.8 in the 600 yard run and also ran a leg on the relay.

In the distance runs Rhody was shut out of both the two mile and the mile by exceptionally strong UConn runners. A runner can do no more than to do his best, and that is exactly what distance man Barry Burden did. Staying right on the heels of the Huskies fantastic trio, Burden ran a blazing 4:22.5 mile, only to finish a disappointing fourth. About an hour later he was called on by Coach Russell to run the two mile. After about half of the race he was told to drop out because he was needed in the mile relay, and the same three UConn

runners were leading in the two mile as they had in the mile. In running his leg of the relay, Burden ran his fastest quarter mile of his life with a 49.9 clocking.

Dave Rosen was another double point getter for the Rams with seconds in the long jump and the triple jump, behind his teammate John Cosenza.

Tonight the trackmen travel to Boston to face Northeastern in a dual meet. Competition will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday the team will travel to New Hampshire for the Yankee Conference Championships.

### Crew To Move To Narrow River

At the season's first meeting of the URI Rowing Association several items were discussed and acted upon; the foremost being the election of officers, and the club's new location on Narrow River. This year the crew club decided that graduating President-Coach Christopher Donaldson had been forced to accept too much responsibility, and elected three co-presidents to succeed him. Sophomores David Steckler, Philip Smith and Freshman Robert Egelson were elected to the offices.

Contracts are being drawn up for a location on Narrow River, which will be URI crew's new home, hopefully before the spring season ends. Narrow River provides a deeper, truer course, sufficiently protected from the winds. Unfortunately the recent student athletic tax referendum at URI, which would have provided much needed funds for the team, was defeated. Thus the club cannot afford a new boathouse, and will be forced to house the shells and equipment in a barbed wire enclosure.

Last fall's seasoned varsity eight will be returning along with two fine freshmen boats. Acting as head coach of the varsity and freshmen will be Chris Donaldson. Coach Donaldson plans to allow the varsity to work mainly on their own, concentrating his attention on the less experienced frosh.

URI's spring schedule consists of races in N.Y., Worcester, and Philadelphia, as well as two home meets on April 18 and 25. The club will row against such crews as Villanova, W.P.I., Wesleyan, Holy Cross, and Williams. The race season will culminate with the three day Dad Vail Regatta at Philadelphia against thirty-six of the country's top crews.

This demanding schedule will surely test the Rhody oarsmen's skill and endurance. With hard work and intelligent rowing, URI's crew could make a good showing this spring.



## English 'Sound but Sore,' Rams Tops in Conference?

by Steve Cheslow

The hopes of the URI basketball team will probably depend upon how well the Rams can adjust to the loss of their senior co-captain and inspirational leader, Claude English. As of last night, it was not known whether the 6'4" All-Conference forward would be available to play against the University of Massachusetts Redmen. The game pitted Yankee Conference leader Rhode Island against one of the Rams' top rivals for the title and a possible post-season tournament bid.

English was injured in the Rams' 96-67 loss to Boston College last Wednesday night. The ace leaper went high for a rebound and severely strained his left knee, forcing him out of the game.

A healthy Claude English would make things a lot easier for the Rams as the season goes along. As this issue went to press, Claude's knee was "sound, but sore," according to Richard K. Cole, Athletic

Therapist. Thus, it was still unknown, going into the UMass game, whether Claude would be able to perform well enough to combat the talented Redmen.

The Redmen came to Kingston boasting one of New England's best sophomore ballplayers, Julius Erving. Only 6'5", Erving is one of the nation's top rebounders, and he also leads Massachusetts in scoring. It seemed that only a superlative team effort, with or without English under the boards, would be needed to defeat the Redmen.

A bright note for the Rams was the way that they bounced back from the bruising Boston College loss to defeat Yankee Conference foes New Hampshire and Maine over the weekend.

In the game at Durham, the Rams came from an eight-point deficit at one point to surge into an eight-point lead. John Fultz led the scoring with 26 points, but more important, he

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URI's Mike Thomas pinning his Boston College opponent in the 167 pound class.

### Wrestlers Win Over BC Eagles

The Ram wrestlers romped over the Boston College Eagles last Saturday at Keaney Gym. URI won seven of the matches, rolling up at 31-11 final tally. Steve Sullivan, Tony Melidossian, and Mike Thomas all registered pins for the Rams, while Rex Hurlbut and Steve Plaikas won on decisions. Melidossian has an outstanding season record of 5 wins and 1 loss. Each win was on a pin in the first period. Thomas has an impressive 6-1 record. The next meet is against Hartford at Hartford on Friday, where the Rams will seek another victory.

### Foul Shooting

Results of the Intramural Foul Shooting puts Ellery Hall, Phi Mu Delta, and Sigma Chi the top clubs, in that order. Tying the record were Robert O'Connor of Ellery Hall, Mike Auerback of AEPI, and Roger Laccalade of Phi Sigma Kappa, all with 19 successful attempts at sinking the ball. Volleyball competition begins this week.

### Girl Hoopsters

A URI basketball team that hopes for an undefeated season is practicing daily at Rodman Hall. With aggressiveness under the boards, and good outside shooting, the URI Girl's Basketball Team can boast of good talent this season. Jackie Proulx, high scorer of last year's team, is back again, shooting better than ever. Ann Casey shows good defensive ability and Janet Shortman, Mary Lou Clark, Pat Manchester, and Dale Terranova are playing a sharp game. Competition began on Monday night at 7:00 at Rodman Hall, when URI defeated Mount Saint Joseph 57-33. Other games this season will include Pembroke, UConn, Connecticut College, Barrington, RIC and UMass.

The URI Girl's Fencing Team has been sharpening its wits and its points before they begin competition next week. The team of Debbie Nelson, Marge Lebeau, and Sandy Reynolds are prepared for the season. The girl's gymnastic club works out every Monday night at 5:00 for all those interested.

## Sports This Week

Tonight

Track at Northeastern - 6 p.m.

Thursday

Basketball at St. Anselm's

Friday

Wrestling at Hartford - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday

Basketball at Vermont

Yankee Conference Track at New Hampshire - 10 a.m.